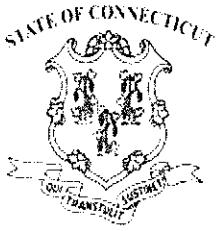


Alteris Renewables – Suggested Amendments



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Raised Bill No. 6249

LCO No. 2640

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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:

(ET)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON THE SITING OF WIND PROJECTS UNTIL THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Connecticut Siting Council, in consultation with the Department of Public Utility Control and the Department of Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, concerning the siting of wind farms, (hereinafter defined as utility scale wind turbines for the sale of wholesale electricity to the utility and does not apply to any net metered wind projects). Such regulations shall include, but not be limited to, (1) a consideration of (A) setbacks, including considerations of tower height and distance from neighboring properties; (B) flicker; (C) a requirement for the developer to decommission the facility at the end of its useful life; (D) different requirements for projects of different sizes; (E) ice throw; (F) blade shear; and (G) impact on natural resources; and (2) a requirement for a public hearing for wind farm projects.

(b) The Connecticut Siting Council shall temporarily suspend action on any application for siting of wind farms until the adoption of regulations pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. For any wind farm application submitted to the siting council on or before the effective date of this section, the siting council shall resume consideration of such application upon adoption of such regulations and shall allow such applicant the opportunity to satisfy the regulation requirements.

(c) Such regulations shall be established within 90 days of passage by the Department of Public Utility Control, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Connecticut Siting Council.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Connecticut Siting Council to adopt regulations within 90 days for farm wind projects and put a moratorium on any wind farm applications until such regulations are adopted.